

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3378

To amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the establishment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes”, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire additional lands for Fort Clatsop National Memorial in accordance with the Fort Clatsop National Memorial’s General Management Plan dated June 1995.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1998

Ms. FURSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fort Clatsop National
3 Memorial Expansion Act of 1998”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The cross-country expedition of Meriwether
7 Lewis and William Clark, known as “The Corps of
8 Discovery”, was a very important exploratory jour-
9 ney in American history that provided invaluable ge-
10 ographic, scientific, and cultural information.

11 (2) In 1805, the members of the Lewis and
12 Clark Expedition built Fort Clatsop at the mouth of
13 the Columbia River near Astoria, Oregon, where
14 they spent 106 days waiting for the end of winter
15 and preparing for their journey home.

16 (3) As the westernmost point and the second
17 longest stopover of the expedition, and as the site
18 where Lewis and Clark edited their journals and
19 prepared many of their maps, Fort Clatsop is a
20 uniquely special place in the journey of Lewis and
21 Clark.

22 (4) The Fort Clatsop National Memorial was
23 created by Congress in 1958 for the purpose of com-
24 memorating the culmination, and the winter en-
25 campment, of the Lewis and Clark Expedition fol-
26 lowing its successful crossing of the North American

1 continent, and is the only National Park Service site
2 solely dedicated to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

3 (5) The 1995 General Management Plan for
4 the Fort Clatsop National Memorial, prepared with
5 input from the local community, calls for the addi-
6 tion of lands to the memorial to include the trail
7 used by expedition members to travel from the fort
8 to the Pacific Ocean and to include the shore and
9 forest lands surrounding the fort and trail to protect
10 their natural settings.

11 (6) Expansion of the Fort Clatsop National Me-
12 morial would require Federal legislation because the
13 size of the memorial is currently limited by statute
14 to 130 acres.

15 (7) Congressional action to allow for the expan-
16 sion of Fort Clatsop would be both timely and ap-
17 propriate before the start of the national bicenten-
18 nial celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition
19 planned to take place during the years 2004 through
20 2006.

21 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR FORT CLATSOP NA-**
22 **TIONAL MEMORIAL.**

23 The Act entitled “An Act to provide for the establish-
24 ment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of

1 Oregon, and for other purposes”, approved May 29, 1958
2 (Chapter 158; 72 Stat. 153), is amended—

3 (1) in section 2 (16 U.S.C. 450mm–1)—

4 (A) by striking “: *Provided,*” and all that
5 follows through the end of the sentence and in-
6 serting a period;

7 (B) by inserting “(a)” before “The Sec-
8 retary of the Interior”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(b) In addition to the land and improvements des-
11 ignated under subsection (a), the Fort Clatsop National
12 Memorial shall include land and improvements that are
13 acquired by the Secretary of the Interior under section
14 3(b).”;

15 (2) in section 3 (16 U.S.C. 450mm–2), by in-
16 serting “(a)” before “Within the area”, and by add-
17 ing at the end the following:

18 “(b)(1) In addition to lands acquired under sub-
19 section (a), the Secretary of the Interior may acquire for
20 inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial any land
21 or improvements located in areas identified on the map
22 entitled ‘Fort Clatsop Boundary Map’ and numbered 405–
23 80016–CCO–June 1996 as appropriate to preserve the
24 historic scene and provide lands for the Lewis and Clark
25 National Historic Trail.

1 “(2) The Secretary may make acquisitions under this
2 subsection only by purchase from willing sellers using ap-
3 propriated or donated amounts, by willing donation, or by
4 exchange in accordance with paragraph (3).

5 “(3)(A) To acquire land or improvements under this
6 subsection by exchange, the Secretary may enter into ex-
7 changes of lands or improvements administered by the Na-
8 tional Park Service, the Forest Service, or the Bureau of
9 Land Management for lands or improvements in Clatsop
10 County, Oregon, that are of approximately equal value and
11 that are owned by any non-Federal person.

12 “(B) An exchange under this paragraph shall be
13 made—

14 “(i) in the case of an exchange of land or im-
15 provements administered or to be administered after
16 the exchange by the Forest Service, in accordance
17 with otherwise applicable provisions of the
18 Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1000
19 et seq.), the Act of March 1, 1911 (Chapter 186; 16
20 U.S.C. 552), popularly known as the Weeks Law,
21 and other provisions of law governing the disposal or
22 acquisition by exchange of National Forest lands;
23 and

24 “(ii) in the case of an exchange of land or im-
25 provements administered or to be administered after

1 the exchange by the Bureau of Land Management,
2 in accordance with otherwise applicable provisions of
3 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
4 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).”; and

5 (3) in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 460mm–3), by in-
6 serting “(a)” before “Establishment of”, and by
7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) Before issuing any regulations governing the
9 protection, public use, or management of land or improve-
10 ment acquired under section 3(b), the Secretary shall seek
11 comment from the government of Clatsop County, Oregon,
12 and persons that reside in the vicinity of the land or im-
13 provement. The Secretary shall ensure that any manage-
14 ment or use of the land or improvement is consistent with
15 the General Management Plan for Fort Clatsop National
16 Memorial, as in effect on the effective date of this sub-
17 section, and all laws and policies otherwise applicable to
18 the land or improvement.”.

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